



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5434***

LCO No. 2121



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
MONITORING PROGRAM AND NON-OPIOID SCHEDULE V  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (9) of subsection (j) of section 21a-254 of the  
2 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (9) Prior to prescribing greater than a seventy-two-hour supply of  
5 any controlled substance, except a non-opioid schedule V controlled  
6 substance, to any patient, the prescribing practitioner or such  
7 practitioner's authorized agent who is also a licensed health care  
8 professional shall review the patient's records in the electronic  
9 prescription drug monitoring program established pursuant to this  
10 subsection. Whenever a prescribing practitioner prescribes controlled  
11 substances, except non-opioid schedule V controlled substances, for  
12 the continuous or prolonged treatment of any patient, such prescriber,  
13 or such prescriber's authorized agent who is also a licensed health care  
14 professional, shall review, not less than once every ninety days, the

15 patient's records in such prescription drug monitoring program. If  
16 such electronic prescription drug monitoring program is not  
17 operational, such prescriber may prescribe greater than a seventy-two-  
18 hour supply of a controlled substance to a patient during the time of  
19 such program's inoperability, provided such prescriber or such  
20 authorized agent reviews the records of such patient in such program  
21 not more than twenty-four hours after regaining access to such  
22 program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	21a-254(j)(9)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To ensure patients timely access to non-opioid schedule V controlled substances, including, but not limited to, epilepsy medications.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*